

**Workforce Partnership of Greater RI
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Crowne Plaza
June 12, 2012**

Present: Michael Black, Gip Cabral, Diane Cook, Vanessa Cooley, Bob Cooper, Marie DeRoche, Joe DiPina, Thomas Fay, Cynthia Farrell, Carmen Ferguson, Raymond Filippone, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Karen Jedson, Wendy Kagan, Steven Kitchin, Peter Koch, Sharon Lee, Joe Oakes, Paul Ouellette, Gail Patry, Raymond Pingitore, Scott Seaback, Lauren Slocum, Robin Ann Smith, James White, Paul Wielgus

Absent: Joseph DeSantis, Alexis Devine, Kat Grygiel, Paul Harden, Sharon Lee, Dorothy Mattiello, Betty Pleacher, Andrew Tyska, Darrell Waldron

Staff: Kara Aniballi, Judy DiGiorgio, Gail DuPont, Brian Gambardella, Sharon Geoffrey, Christine Grieco, Kathy Quattrini, Carlos Ribeiro, Kathy Tobin-Henry, Diane Vendetti

Guests: Craig Baker, David Banno, Director Charles Fogarty, Richard Benaducci, Michael Black, Mariluz Blandon, Karen Bradbury, Rick Brooks, Michelle Brophy, Dan Brown, Mario Bueno, John Carnevale, Honorable Lincoln Chafee, Sue Chomka, Robin Coia, Angelo Dafonseca, Alberto DeBurgo, Maria Ferreira, Brad Fesmire, Ronni

Gannek, Deborah Gardner, Paul Genovesi, Jim Glover, Scott Grieco, James Hagan, Joseph Healey, Joseph Iadavaia, Russell Irving, Roger LaFlamme, Tony Lucca, Pat Leduc, Rebecca Mahle, Leslie Milner, Julie O'Connell, Nancy Olson, Connie Parks, Mark Perrotti, Janet Pratt, Janet Raymond, Judith Rodrigues, Kathleen Stoddart, Armand Tessaglia, Jo-Anne Thibedeau, David Tremblay, Lori Turchetta, Helder Videira, Matthew Weldon

Welcome

Chair Steven Kitchen called the Annual Meeting to order at 8:10am and welcomed the Honorable Lincoln Chaffee (WIA Liaison), Charles Fogarty Director of the Department of Labor and Training, and Karen Bradbury-representing Senator Whitehouse.

Chair Kitchen introduced WPGRI Board Officers, Vice Chair Paul Ouellette, Treasurer Joseph DiPina, and Secretary Robin Ann Smith.

Chair Kitchen then invited the Honorable Lincoln D. Chaffee to speak. The Governor proceeded to speak about growth within the economy and job placement, training, and education in the State of RI. He then spoke about the potential rise in employment in the health field and advised to watch carefully for the Hospital Conversion Act.

Governor Chafee presented WPGRI Executive Director Christine Grieco with an acknowledgment of 27 years of State Service and congratulated her on her retirement.

Chair Kitchen invited Director Charles Fogarty, WIA liaison, to speak. Director Fogarty stated it was a pleasure to be here and that this year was one of the quickest years of his life. He stated moving forward we will be facing hard times and there needs to be a creative focus on education and training.

Director Fogarty thanked Christine Grieco for all her hard work and congratulated her on her retirement. He then presented her with an acknowledgement from the Senate for her 27 years of State service.

Chair Kitchen stated WPGRI is one of the two local workforce investment boards in the State of RI. WPGRI has 6 Committees, and 1 Youth Council. The Board met 7 times this year including one Strategic Retreat which was graciously hosted by Joe DiPina at Exeter Job Corps.

Board Business

Chair Kitchen requested the Board to review the minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting.

VOTE: Lauren Slocum made a motion to pass minutes. Ray Pingitore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Resignation

With regret Chair Kitchen stated that Courtney Murphy has resigned

from the Board due to a change in location of her job.

VOTE: With regret Paul Ouellette motioned to accept the resignation. With regret Robin Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Chair Kitchin requested the Board to review the consent agenda one final time. The consent agenda contained two items. The first item was PY12 WPGRI/DHS TANF Summer Youth Program MOU. The Department of Human Services has partnered with the State Workforce Investment Office and WPGRI to offer the youth of RI a summer program. WPGRI will serve 406 youth in this summer program.

The second item on the consent agenda was WPGRI/RIDLT WIA (One-Stop) Services Agreement. The request being made is for WPGRI Staff to continue to operate and support the One-Stop Center agreement at a level of 80% of the PY11 first quarter budget for 90 days. This will allow the One-Stop Centers to continue to provide WIA Services until the September Board meeting at which time a budget will be presented to the Board for PY12.

VOTE: Diane Cook made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Bob Cooper seconded the motion the motion passed with Chair Kitchin recusing him from the PY12 WPGRI/DHS TANF Summer Youth

Program MOU portion of the vote and Marie DeRoche recusing herself from the WPGRI/RIDLT WIA (One-Stop) Services Agreement portion of the vote. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Chair Kitchen stated the Executive Committee will meet on July 10, 2012 to finalize the work done by the Strategic Retreat Ad-Hoc Committees. The full Board will be invited but not required to attend and participate in this process.

Strategic Development Committee

In absence of the Chair of the Strategic Development Committee, Paul Harden, Vice Chair Carmen Ferguson delivered his report. She stated in PY11 the Committee was able to revise WPGRI By-Laws, the Committee had WPGRI investigate other states best practices for ITA's and have submitted an Incumbent Worker Training waiver to the USDOL.

Quality Assurance

Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, Joe Oakes, stated the Committee's first meeting was February 28, 2012. Quality Assurance has completed their monitoring of the One-Stops and the reports will be presented at the September Board meeting.

Finance Committee

Chair of the Finance Committee, Joe DiPina, stated this year the Committee was able to review and approve budgets and quarterly reports.

Youth Council

Chair of the Youth Council, Gip Cabral, stated there were 10 Youth Council meetings this year and 2 joint RFP's. DHS has a Memorandum of Understanding with WPGRI for WPGRI to serve 410 youth this summer and WPGRI will serve 528 youth with JDF money as well.

Board Development

Chair of the Board Development Committee, Paul Ouellette, stated this year the Committee appointed three members to the Board of Directors. There are currently 2 members pending appointment. Paul encouraged the Board to recommend new members to the Board. He also thanked the Board members for making presentations on their agencies at the Board meetings.

Awards

This year WPGRI awarded an OJT employer, the OJT Trainee, the OJT counselors, and WPGRI staff who worked with and monitored the OJT contracts.

The employer was PolyWorks Inc and the OJT participant was Joseph

Iadavaia. The One-Stop counselors who support the OJT program are John Carnevale, Leslie Milner, Lori Turchetta, and Judith Rodrigues. The WPGRI staff members awarded were Kathy Tobin-Henry, Kathy Quattrini, and Judith DiGiorgio.

Adjournment

Chair Kitchen addressed the Board and asked if there was any new or old business to be discussed.

There being no new or old business to discuss, Chair Kitchen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am.

VOTE: Vanessa Cooley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Slocum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kara Aniballi**